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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I went with Sonic, a local provider, because, well, they're local. As in I can call someone and talk to a human instead of spending hours being routed through phone trees, voicemail, and pretty much anything companies like AT&T and Comcast/Xfinity can do to avoid helping you. And they're less expensive than the megalopolistic companies who take your money and don't really care about earning it. So quit letting the big companies get bigger at the expense of consumers and encourage competition! I LOATHE AT&T and Comcast, pretty much my only other options, so having a small, local and responsive company as a provider is a vastly better option for me and many like me. If the number of Sonic trucks I see in my neighborhood is any indication, I'm not the only one who resents the stranglehold of mega-companies. So stop squelching the competition by supporting big companies with small minds and smaller concern for their customers. Encourage competition! it's the American way. Every time we go through one of these cycles where big companies gobble up or kill smaller competitors, the backlash results in anti-monopoly rulings, So let's stop the monopolies before they can get any bigger. It's only the consumer who'll suffer. You know, the tax payers who pay your salaries!

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